

**Minutes of a meeting of High Stoy Parish Council
Held in the Hermitage Village Hall
At 6:00pm on Tuesday 5th December 2023**

6	<p>Highway Matters:</p> <p>6.1 Pothole in Hermitage – Cllr Smith reported pothole going out towards Osborne Road, This was repaired within 48 hours of it being reported.</p> <p>6.2 Planned road closures: Totnell (part of road running from Leigh to Longburton), 18th -20th December.</p> <p>6.3 Grit and Salt bin orders 2023-24 Grit now £100+VAT per bag, Salt bin refill £59+ VAT. Provision is made in the budget should salt be needed in future.</p> <p>6.4 Audit of Finger Posts: Chairman suggested a survey of finger posts across the parish.</p>	<p>Cll Rowland to check if salt bin in Hilfield needs re-filling</p> <p>Cllr Smith volunteered for Hermitage, Cllr Griffin to check Batcombe and Hilfield and Clerk to check central Batcombe, including photograph and report on condition. Clerk to collate and log on website.</p>
7	<p>Footpath Matters:</p> <p>7.1 Report of condition of footpaths gratefully received from Dave Whiteoak and John Damon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bridge on Bridleway from Church Farm to Lyons Gate has broken slat. Problem report was submitted to DC. Slat was replaced within a couple of days. - Bridleway N14/4. White Park and other horned cattle with calves in field. - Sign posts which went missing in the summer have not been replaced and others have gone missing including removal of some circular discs and a fence has been erected across the line of a footpath. Recent poor weather has made it difficult to walk the paths so it hasn't been possible to produce a report to submit to DC. In Hilfield there have been a couple of Bridleway Signs chewed up by hedge trimming, Dave Whiteoak has volunteered to replace these in the next week or so. <p>If weather and time allows the plan is to produce a comprehensive report on the issues on footpaths and bridleways in Hilfield before the next Parish Council meeting. This will be submitted to Dorset Council with a copy to HSPC.</p> <p>7.2 DMMO case 779: Batcombe – Case notified in March '23. Footpath from just below Dyers Farm to Pleck. Formal consultation has still not begun.</p>	
8	<p>Planning Matters:</p> <p>8.1 WD/D/19/002710- Change of use of land and erection of luxury holiday lodges at The George Albert Hotel. PC: Objected DC: Under Consideration</p> <p>8.2 P/FUL/2023/05225 – Agricultural workers dwelling at Knapp Farm. DC: Under Consideration</p>	

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	general rate calculation process which takes place in the February cycle of their meetings. To balance income with expenditure including a contingency of £1000, Chairman suggested Precept of £6341, which represents an increase of 8% on previous year, which was unanimously agreed.	Batcombe paying into Batcombe precept. Clerk to submit Precept request to DC
10	Correspondence: 10.1 Email from Tom Munro, Dorset National Landscape Manager, to notify that AONB are to be re-branded as National Landscapes, following recommendation from the government sponsored Landscapes (Glover) Review, to unify the UK's 46 National Landscapes, articulating a clear vision for their role in delivering for people and nature.	
11	Other information for report only:	
12	Next Meeting of the Parish Council: The next meeting of the High Stoy Parish Council will be held 27 th February at 7pm at Hermitage Village Hall 2023.	
	Meeting closed at 7.08 pm	

These minutes are to be signed by the Chair, following approval, at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

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